Please amend paragraph [0043] to read as follows:

[0043] In this respect, when the top and bottom carriages are in a closed position as shown in Figures 1-3, the sealing surfaces defined by the top faces 80 of caps 78 press against the corresponding sealing surfaces defined by the bottom faces 68 of the caps 66 on the top carriage. Likewise, the flaps 70, 72, and 82 cooperate by pressing one against the other to seal off the front and rear of the scrubber. Thus in a closed position the interior volume of the scrubber between the top and bottom carriages as bounded in part by the sealing faces 68, 80 and flaps 70, 72, and 82 defines a relatively liquid tight cleaning zone 49.

Please amend paragraph [0049] to read as follows:

[0049] The drive system for rotating the brushes 100a and 100b is shown in Figure 7. As shown in Figure 7, there are cooperating components of the drive system in the top carriage 22, bottom carriage 24 and in the vertical support 26. The drive system includes a sprocket 104 driven by the motor 96. The sprocket 104 meshes with a drive gear 106. The drive gear 106 in turn is connected by a timing belt 108 to a driven gear 110 at the top of the vertical support 26. It is important to note that the rotational axis of this driven gear 110 is the axis of the hinge 28 holding the top carriage 22 to the vertical support so the axis of the driven gear 110 substantially corresponds to the pivot point 30. As shown in Figure 7, a tensioner 111 can be used to maintain tension on the timing belt 108 should a slight adjustment be necessary in the event the axis of rotation of the driver gear 110 gets out of alignment with the drive gears and motor. This tensioner 111 may have a flexible

member such as a small spring mechanism that urges the tensioner 111 against the timing belt to keep the belt taught. A second timing belt 112 extends from the driven gear and drives a plurality of sprockets 114. The timing belt 108 has a small spring mechanism (flexible member) to allow for slight variations in the alignment of the axis of rotation of the upper base basin and the axis of rotation of the drive shaft. This spring mechanism acts as a tensioner.

Please amend [0063] to read as follows:

[0063] In operation and with the top and scrubber closed, the flaps 70, 82 and the seal as formed between the faces 68, 80 of the caps 66, 78 keep the cleaning fluids within the scrubber interior and the exhaust fan 92 moves the waste out of the scrubber through the fluid outlet 56. After cleaning, the scrubber 20 is opened and the article is removed. The same process occurs when smaller articles to be cleaned are loaded into the basket 128 and then placed in the scrubber interior **[[52]]**. In cases where the article to be cleaned is too large to fit into the scrubber, the user may place only a portion of the article to be cleaned in the scrubber at a time and then repeatedly open and close the top carriage while the brushes are spinning so different portion of the article are inserted and cleaned.

Please amend paragraph [0066] to read as follows:

[0066] The drive system has been described as comprising a system of sprockets and timing belts. These sprockets and timing belts can include other features that one skilled in the art would understand help them to function. This would include tensioners and springs mechanisms to allow adjustment of the belts. However it should be appreciated that

the brushes also can be driven by a system of gears that mesh to transfer the rotary drive of the motor to each of the brushes 100a and 100b. In this case the gears would replace the timing belts 112 and 123. Meshing gears also can replace the timing belt 108 so long as the driven gear 110 is retained that has its rotational axis the axis of the hinge 28.

Please amend paragraph [0069] to read as follows:

[0069]In yet other embodiments, the vertical support member 26 may comprise means for vertical adjustment, which allows the distance between the top and bottom carriages 22, 24 respectively, to be varied by moving them closer or farther apart as desired in order to accommodate differently sized objects. This embodiment however requires the replacement or adjustment of the timing belt 108 as the height of the support member changes. <u>These sprockets and timing belts can include other features that one skilled in the art would understand help them to function. This would include tensioners and springs mechanisms to allow adjustment of the belts.</u>